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SUBJECT: UNESCO MASS MEDIA PRINCIPLES DECLARATION

MEETING: US STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL

REF: STOWE-JONES-BLAKE TELECON, 18 DECEMBER 1975

1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF LETTER OF WITHDRAWAL FROM
SUBJECT MEETING AS DISCUSSED IN TELECON. LETTER AD-
DRESSED TO JOSEF GROHMAN (ZECK), CHAIRMAN OF SUBJECT
MEETING.

"DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN,

THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION STRONGLY OBJECTS TO BOTH
THE SUBSTANCE OF THE AMENDMENT APPROVED YESTERDAY AND
TO THE PROCEDURES WHICH THIS MEETING ADOPTED. I
EXPLAINED YESTERDAY THE VIEWS OF THE UNITED STATES RE-
GARDING THE YUGOSLAVIAN AMENDMENT. YESTERDAY'S VOTE IN
NO WAY MODIFIES THOSE VIEWS, AND IN NO WAY CHANGES THE
FACT THAT ZIONISM IS NOT RACISM. THAT VOTE SIMPLY
IMPOSES A DEBILITATING HANDICAP ON THOSE DELEGATIONS
WHICH WERE TRYING TO MAINTAIN IN THE CREDIBILITY AND
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INTELLECTUAL INTEGRITY OF THESE DELIBERATIONS.

THE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE SUBSTANCE OF THIS MEETING, NAMELY INTERNATIONAL CONSIDERATION OF THE ROLE OF THE MASS MEDIA, AND THE WIDE DIFFERENCES AMONG STATES REGARDING THE PROPER DEFINITION OF THAT ROLE, DEMANDED THE CONSENSUS APPROVAL PROCEDURES WHICH WE ADOPTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THESE DISCUSSIONS.

THERE ARE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES WHICH SEPARATE THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN AN INDEPENDENT MASS MEDIA ESSENTIALLY FREE FROM GOVERNMENT CONTROL, FROM THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT THE MASS MEDIA SHOULD BE A TOOL OF THE STATE. THOSE DIFFERENCES CANNOT BE ELIMINATED OR RECONCILED HERE. THE MOST WE COULD HAVE DONE WOULD HAVE BEEN TO DISCOVER AND CLARIFY WHETHER THERE WERE ANY COMMON POINTS WHERE OUR DIFFERENT VIEWS CONVERGE. IT NOW APPEARS THAT WE HAVE LOST EVEN THAT OPPORTUNITY.

THE REJECTION YESTERDAY OF THE CONSENSUS PROCEDURE WAS NOT JUST A PROCEDURAL MOVE. IT WAS AN ASSERTION THAT INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS CAN BE PROMULGATED BY BLATANT DISREGARD OF THE VIEWS OF A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF STATES. SUCH A PROCEDURE IS UNREALISTIC AND DESTRUCTIVE OF THE VERY INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING TO WHICH THIS ORGANIZATION IS DEDICATED. IT IS FUTILE IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT NOTHING THIS MEETING SAYS OR DOES WILL CHANGE THE BASIC VIEWS OF STATES REGARDING THE RESPECTIVE ROLES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND OF THE MASS MEDIA.

THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, THEREFORE, BELIEVES THAT THERE IS NO CONSTRUCTIVE PURPOSE TO BE SERVED BY OUR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THESE DISCUSSIONS OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION. WE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PRESENT ADDITIONAL VIEWS ON ANY FINAL DRAFTS PRODUCED BY THIS MEETING. I WOULD ALSO REQUEST THAT YOU READ THIS LETTER TO THE PLEANARY SESSION OF THE EXPERTS MEETING AND THAT IT BE INCORPORATED IN FULL TO ANY REPORT OF THAT MEETING.

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PLEASE ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, RONALD F. STOWE
CHAIRMAN, UNITED STATES DELEGATION.

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